

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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DECISION

of the representatives of the governments of the Member States
of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting within the Council
allocating to that Community supplementary revenues for 1978

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Communication from the Commission
to the Council

Subject: Allocation to the ECSC by the Member States of 32 million EUA,
to enable it to balance its revenues and expenditure for the 1978
financial year.

On 21 December 1977 the Council decided to allocate 32 million EUA
to the ECSC operational budget for 1978 and undertook to take the measures
necessary to this end in good time. The detailed arrangements for allocation
were to be decided at a later stage. These arrangements are the subject of the
draft decision contained in the annex to this Communication.

The Commission recalls that the Council took note of the proposals made
in COM (77) 561 recommending the transfer of the customs duties on ECSC pro-
ducts to the ECSC operational budget. This matter will, indeed, have to
be pursued in the context of the financial needs of the ECSC and, in particu-
lar of the iron and steel industry. The Commission intends to forward to the
Council a supplementary communication on this matter in good time. The mea-
sures to be taken for 1978 are thus of an exceptional character.

The Commission proposes that the division among the Member States of
the contribution of 32 million EUA be based on that of Community G N P in 1977.
The percentages to be used, on this basis, are shown in the attached table.

The detailed arrangements for payment of this sum are spelled out in the attached draft decision. They are concerned with the wording of individual payments, the bank accounts into which they are to be paid and the deadlines for payments. The proposals made in the draft decision on these matters do not call for any special comment by the Commission.

The Commission hereby submits for adoption the attached draft decision concerning the detailed arrangements for allocation of the 32 million EUA to be paid into the ECSC operational budget for 1978.

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DECISION

of the representatives of the Governments of the
Member States of the European Coal and Steel
Community meeting within the Council allocating
to that Community supplementary revenues for 1978

The representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European
Coal and Steel Community meeting within the Council,

Whereas, in the present situation of the coal and steel industry, the
financial means at the Commission's disposal must be increased in order
for it to accomplish its task under the Treaty establishing the European
Coal and Steel Community; whereas Article 49 thereof provides that the
Commission may receive gifts; whereas the Member States should accordingly
allocate to it additional revenues under that heading;

Whereas, on 21 December 1977, the Council took note of the Commission's
proposals for transferring to the ECSC the customs duties on ECSC products;

Whereas it is appropriate, by way of exception, to allocate to the ECSC for the
1978 financial year the sum of 32 million ECU to enable it to balance its revenues
and expenditure; whereas the Council, on 21 December 1977, approved the
principle of such an allocation and undertook to take all necessary
measures in good time,

In agreement with the Commission,

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Member States shall pay to the European Coal and Steel Community the sum
of 32 million ECU for the 1978 financial year by way of a voluntary contribution.

Article 2

The contribution made by the Member States shall be divided between them in accordance with the following scale :

Belgium	4.9 %
Denmark	2.8 %
Germany	32.3 %
France	24.3 %
Ireland	0.6 %
Italy	12.7 %
Luxembourg	0.2 %
Netherlands	6.7 %
United Kingdom	15.5 %

Article 3

The sums to be paid by each Member State shall be paid to the ECSC not later than 1 October 1978.

These payments may be made either in European units of account or in national currencies at the EUA exchange rate on the day of payment.

Article 4

Member States, in close cooperation with the Commission, shall take all necessary measures to ensure the application of the preceding measures.

Article 5

Member States shall take all measures required for the implementation of this Decision.

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Table specifying Member States' shares
in the Community's 1977 G N P

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Source: Commission estimates

